

Mr. Clerk, can I inquire as to which amendment this is, please?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator, this is AM4423. Would simply add the emergency clause.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you. I will take only a moment to indicate that because this bill advanced with the votes and support of the body that it did I'm not going to belabor it. The bill, LB 1263, very basically adds late filing fees throughout the Accountability and Disclosure Act where such fees, late filing fees, did not previously exist. Experience has shown that those fees are an incentive to compliance so that I believe that's why the body so generously advanced the bill from General File, and I'm not going to belabor it. But I do want to acknowledge appreciation to Senator Bernard-Stevens and Speaker Withem for withdrawing their amendments and to indicate that I think yet there are some good ideas in those areas where they have spoken and I, for one, have worked in this area for two years and I will continue to work with those good ideas. And the reason we're asking to add the E clause is simply that, given the support that the bill has had, given its good purposes, if we add the E clause then it will be applicable to the primary as well as the general. We think that's a desirable result and I'd urge the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Wesely, to speak to the Brashear amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I rise in support of the Brashear amendment. I also am pleased to hear him say he will pursue the issues raised by Senator Bernard-Stevens and Senator Withem. I have, in several campaigns, suffered at the hands of individuals who...an individual who has come in late with money and not reported it till after the election and used that in a negative fashion in a negative campaign. I think having a 24-hour reporting of late contributions would allow the public to better assess these late negative campaigns that come in on occasion and I'm sorry to see the committee had taken that out of the bill, but I do understand the desire not to stir this up any further. I also thought that Senator Withem's comments about out-of-state money is indeed worth a look and so I do hope we will readdress those issues in the future. With that, I rise in support of the amendment and the bill. Thank you.